

MY GARDEN AND WHAT TO GROW

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Last year, when writing these notes for August, we started off with "Spring is coming." This year some of us at the Cape are not so sure about the coming of spring. Wet and wintry weather has been our portion for months on end and casual visitors from the north have gone away disgusted. However, spring will come, if not to-day then to-morrow, and we must prepare for it in our gardens if we are not to be left behind by our competitors. You would not like your neighbour to have Cucumbers and Marrows or Asters and Summer-Flowering Sweet Peas before yours are ready. Therefore, you must begin now and put everything ready for the spring planting season; you must study the nature of each crop and consider when is the best time to sow; you must think back on last season's operations or look up your diary to see on what date each was sown last year and was it the best time, or did the crop suffer from cold or wet conditions, or was it too late to take full advantage of the season? It is in this way that you learn all the intricate details of gardening and can secure a good crop. But, you must also learn to judge the probable weather conditions and choose the day for sowing to the best advantage. There is usually one best day for doing each thing on the farm or in the garden and the man who can most accurately choose that day usually gets the best results. We write notes for you each month, but we can not tell you these things. They must be learnt by experience. A failure is often of great value if you profit by the experience that it affords. We have written all the above mainly to make it clear to you that when we say this or that seed may be sown in August, it does not follow that it may be sown in that month every year or in every part of South Africa. The weather, the condition of the soil, the locality, the probable future weather, the rainy season, the probable temperature—all these must also be considered. What we do mean is that the seed in question is sufficiently hardy for sowing in August when all these conditions are favourable to it.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

If the conditions are right you may sow this month: Asparagus, Beet, Cucumber, Carrots, Cabbage, Celery, Chicory, Cress, Egg Plant, Endive, French Beans, Garlic, Globe Artichoke, Herbs, Kale, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce, Mealies, Onions, Pumpkin, Peas, Parsnips, Parsley, Radishes, Sweet Melons, Swedes, Spinach, Sorrel, Tomatoes, Turnips, Vegetable Marrow and Watermelons. A few remarks about some of these may be useful

Asparagus.—"Woodside Giant French" is a splendid variety. We can supply seed of it and also strong plants. Plants: 3/6 per doz. 20/- per 100 (2 year old at least).

Cucumber.—A warm situation or some shelter is desirable for the earliest sowings. "Bedfordshire Ridge" is an excellent variety for August. For later sowing we can confidently recommend "Giant Pera" and "Woodside Telegraph," but all the varieties catalogued by us are good.

Cabbage.—At this season we prefer the smaller types such as "Early Jersey Wakefield," "Winningstadt Early," "Dwarf Early Savoy," "Dark Red Early Dutch," etc.

Egg Plant.—This may need some shelter to raise early plants successfully, but it is very necessary that they should be grown early otherwise the fruiting season is too short. They should be treated in every way like Tomatoes except that they make a nice bushy plant without any heading back and are not trellised.

French Beans.—"Kudu Stringless" and "Red Canadian Wonder" are probably the best varieties for early sowing. These varieties can stand more cold than most kinds.

Mealies.—For table purposes "Orangia Yellow" and "Hickory King" are good varieties for this early sowing, but any hardy kind will do and they will need warm soil in a warm situation. For Sweet Corn, which is even better for table, it is still too early. Sweet Corn is not so hardy as the ordinary Mealies.

Onions.—For sowing at this season we recommend the early varieties, such as "Yellow Bermuda," "Crystal Wax," and "Early Flat Yellow Cape."

Pumpkin.—"Fraserdale Improved Boer" can not be surpassed for early sowing. It is a very hardy kind and a great cropper. For table quality it has no superior in its class and it is a wonderfully good keeper.

Peas.—All varieties may be sown. "Stratagem," "Yorkshire Hero" and "Woodside Gladstone" are varieties that always give satisfaction. Have you tried the "Woodside Mammoth Exhibition" Pea? It gives monster pods, the largest we have seen. Seed of "Woodside Mammoth Exhibition": 2/6 per lb. or 6d. pkt.

Sweet Melons.—It is still very early for these and you are not likely to get results unless soil and situation are just right. Under other conditions a later sowing will pass the earlier one.

Swedes.—All varieties may be sown but we think you are most likely to succeed with "Norrköping Improved Green Top" because this variety matures more quickly than others and should be ready before the hot weather sets in. We have had excellent reports regarding a few samples of this variety which we distributed free some time ago, so we have obtained supplies of it all the way from Sweden. We are always looking for some new variety of some vegetable or other to take the place of older kinds that fall out of favour for one reason or another. Seed: Per pkt. 6d, oz. 9d, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 2/-, lb. 6/-

Spinach.—Have you tried "Yellow Cutting Spinach Beet"? It is easily grown and both the stems and the leaves make excellent spinach, used separately or together.

Tomatoes.—Early plants are easily raised if you can give them a little shelter from the cold winds—the situation should be a sunny one. For early sowing you can use "Danish Export," "Wood's Improved Beauty" and many other varieties. "Danish Export" is not a very large tomato, but beautifully apple-shaped and produced in clusters. It ripens early and is probably the best of all varieties for canning.

Turnips.—All varieties may be sown this month.

Vegetable Marrow.—Choose hardy varieties and give them a sheltered situation on soil that is not cold. "Long White Bush" is one of the best for early sowing.

Watermelons.—We have placed these in the list for August sowing, but it is only under ideal conditions that they will succeed so early. You had better leave them for later sowing and avoid disappointment. The experienced gardener will know exactly what he can do with them and needs no advice from us.

KITCHEN GARDEN FRUITS

Rhubarb.—Splendid roots are now available. Price 1/- each or 9/- per dozen. Postage and packing extra.

Loganberries.—These can be delivered now. Price 1/6 each; 15/- per dozen; 100/- per hundred. Postage and packing extra.

Asparagus.—Strong 2-year-old plants of “Woodside Giant French” Asparagus are available at 3/6 per doz. and 20/- per 100. These may be set out now in a well-prepared bed which should be dug to a depth of 2 to 3ft., and should be filled up with plenty of stable manure and other refuse so as to make a rich compost, because the plants will not be disturbed for many years.

Strawberries.—We can still supply the following varieties at 1/6 doz.; 5/- 100.

LEADER.—Very large, bright crimson fruit. Firm flesh with a rich pine-like flavour. The earliest of all.

THE BEDFORD.—Fine flavour, vigorous grower and heavy cropper.

THE LAXTON.—Fruit large and pointed, dark red, heavy cropper, unusually long fruit stems, good acid flavour.

VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS.

		Per 100	1000
Beet, Early Blood Red Turnip	...	1/3	10/6
„ Flat Egyptian	...	1/3	10/6
„ Eclipse	...	1/3	10/6
Brussels Sprouts	...	2/-	
Cabbage, Cape Spitzkool	...	1/3	10/6
„ Early Jersey Wakefield	...	1/3	10/6
„ Enkhuizen Glory	...	1/3	10/6
„ Large Oxheart	...	1/3	10/6
„ Large Red Drumhead	...	1/3	10/6
„ Robinson's Ch. Drumhead	...	1/3	10/6
„ Warner's Drumhead	...	1/3	10/6
„ Dwarf Early Savoy	...	1/3	10/6
Cauliflower, Italian Giant	...	1/9	15/-
„ Wiehahn's Cape	...	1/9	15/-
„ Woodside Early	...	1/9	15/-
Celery, Woodside Improved White, 6d doz.	...	2/6	
„ Woodside Soup, 6d. doz.	...	2/6	
Kale, “Chou Moellier”	...	1/3	10/6
„ Curled Garden	...	1/3	10/6
„ Thousand Headed	...	1/3	10/6
Lettuce, Curled Neapolitan	...	1/3	10/6
„ Giant Crystal Head	...	1/3	10/6
Onion, Crystal Wax	...	1/3	10/6
„ Danvers Yellow Globe	...	1/3	10/6
„ Early Blood Red	...	1/3	10/6
„ Early Flat Yellow Cape	...	1/3	10/6
„ White Queen	...	1/3	10/6
„ Yellow Bermuda	...	1/3	10/6
Parsley, Plain or Common, 6d. doz.	...	2/6	
„ Curled, 6d. doz.	...	2/6	
Spinach Beet, Yellow Cutting	...	1/6	
Cape Gooseberry, Strong plants 2/6 doz.	...	15/-	
Marjoram, Thyme, Sage, Peppermint	...	3/-	

Jerusalem Artichokes.—Tubers of good quality are now available. Prices: Per lb. 6d; 5 lbs. 2/-; 25 lbs. 7/6; 100 lbs. 25/-.

Seed Potatoes.—We have the following varieties this month :—

Up-to-Date	...	10/6 per case of 66 lbs.
Arran Chief	...	12/6 per case of 66 lbs.
Red Star	...	13/6 per case of 66 lbs.

The "Red Star" seed is first crop from imported.

We are also expecting **Imported Early Rose** about the end of this month and we are now booking orders for these at 15/9 per case of 66 lbs.

THE FRUIT GARDEN.

If your pruning and winter spraying have not yet been done, there is no time to lose for many varieties will soon commence to bud and this work should be completed before that happens. If you have already applied the Winter Wash it would be as well to spray all Peach and Nectarine trees now with McDougall's Fruit Tree Wash. This will be stealing a march on the Black Peach Aphis which gives so much trouble later on. You must not rest content with one spraying though. Spray again six or seven days later and then you can rest awhile, but you must keep a careful watch and if any more of this pest is seen, spray again. Mix the wash 1 in 80 for this purpose, and you will find it quite safe for most outdoor garden plants in full leaf. The Black Peach Aphis, if uncontrolled, will render your trees quite useless. It also attacks other trees such as Apricot and Plum, but does not usually hurt them very much but you should spray them also if only to prevent the pest spreading. The same wash is excellent for most soft-bodied insect pests and may with advantage be used for Green Fly on Roses.

We have strong trees of the following :— In $\frac{1}{4}$ tins $\frac{1}{2}$ tins

Guavas - Cherry	...	...	2 -	3/6
" - White	...	...	2/-	3/6
" - Pink	...	...	2 -	3/6
Loquats, Common	...	...	2/-	3/6
" Mammoth Madeira	...	...	2/6	4/-

THE FLOWER GARDEN

You will have to get busy with your flower garden also. The fine show of blooms which you so much desire will be seriously marred if the garden is not in its proper spring trim. There is clearing up to do, if not already done, and many plants want trimming so as to get rid of old and unsightly growths, and seedlings must be put into their flowering position. If this work is delayed growth will be retarded and you will not get the very best results. Seed of Spring Annuals must also be sown now or very soon and on this point you can get some help from the list of seeds for sowing this month, which we give below.

Where conditions are favourable you may sow in August the following varieties :—Asters, Adonis Flos, Ageratum, Begonia, Balsam, Calendula, Candytuft, Celosia, Clarkia, Cockscomb, Convolvulus, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Dahlia, Dianthus, Dimorphotheca, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Gerbera, Gilia, Globe Amaranth, Gloxinia, Godetia, Gypsophila, Hunnemannia, Kennedya, Larkspur, Lathyrus latifolius, Linum, Linaria, Lobelia, Lupinus, Lychnis, Malcolmia, Marigold, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Nemesia, Pentstemon, Petunia, Phlox, Poppy, Pyrethrum, Salpiglossis, Scabious, Statice, Sunflower, Sweet William, Sweet Sultan, Sweet Peas (Summer Flowering), Swainsonia, Valerian, Violet, Virginian Stock, Wallflower.

BEDDING PLANTS.

Carnations , Chabaud's Giant Fancy	...	...	2/6 per doz.
" Marguerite-Malmaison	...	...	2/6 per doz.
Gaillardia , Double, Mixed	...	...	1/- per doz.
Lobelia , Cardinalis Hybrids	...	...	1/- per doz.
Lobelia Compacta , "Crystal Palace"	...	...	1/- per doz.
" " "Emperor William"	...	...	1/- per doz.
Pentstemons , Large-Flowered	...	...	2/6 per doz.
Phlox Drummondii , Mixed	...	...	1/- per doz.
Verbena , Mixed	...	...	2/- per doz.

MICHAELMAS DAISIES.

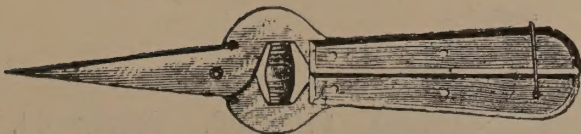
		each	doz.
Anita Ballard , double lavender blue	...	6d.	4/6
Beauty of Colwall , double lavender	...	6d.	4/6
Climax , electric pale blue	...	6d.	4/6
Feltham Blue , a full toned blue	...	6d.	4/6
Lady Lloyd , rose pink	...	6d.	4/6
Mrs. H. Morris , deep rosy red	...	6d.	4/6
Nancy Ballard , double, pale rosy mauve	...	6d.	4/6
Small White	...	...	1/-
Small Mauve	...	...	1/-

OTHER HERBACEOUS PLANTS.

Agapanthus , blue	...	9d.	7/6
Cannas , yellow shades	...	9d.	5/-
" red shades	...	9d.	5/-
Crassula , white flowering, $\frac{1}{4}$ tins	...	2/-	21/-
Delphiniums , light blue shades	...	6d.	3/6
" dark blue shades	...	6d.	3/6
" large-flowering hybrids, mixed	...	...	3/6
Francoa Ramosa , Mexican Bridal Wreath, fine racemes of white flowers on upright stems	...	...	2/6
Hemerocallis , "The Monarch," pure orange, single trumpet, free flowering, very fine	...	9d.	7/6
Hemerocallis , "Double," orange	...	9d.	7/6
Shasta Daisy , "Imperial," free flowering, long stems	...	...	2/6
Shasta Daisy , "Ox-Eye," strong stems	...	...	1/6

Budding Knives.

5078. Price 6/6 each, post free.

Grape and Flower Secateurs.

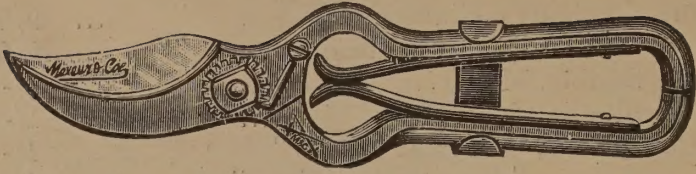
1/- each, postage 4d.

10/- per doz., postage 1/-

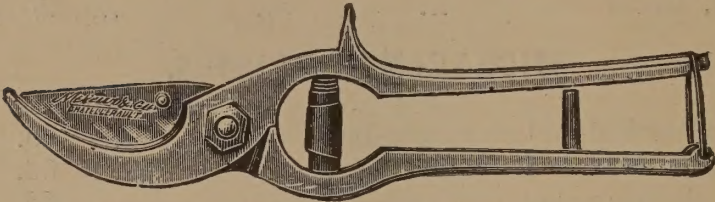
Also a stronger pattern, all steel and heavier.

Price 2/6 each, postage 6d.

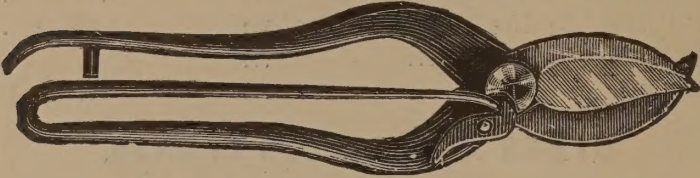
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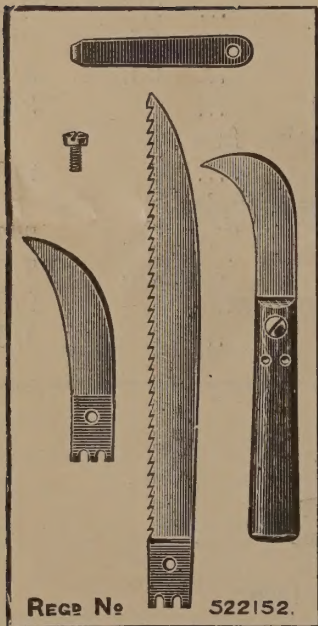
356. 9in. long. Bright, Reiser's Pattern, superior quality. Price 15/- each. Postage 1/-



325. 9in. long. Bright, superior quality. Price 12/6 each. Postage 1/-



557. 9in. long. Bright, double cutters. Price 10/6 each. Postage 1/-



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The "NORCROSS" No. 55 5-Prong Cultivator-Hoe.



The "**Norcross**" 5-Prong Cultivator-Hoe is the product of years of experience in the exclusive manufacture of this special type of garden implement.

It is a fact that if the soil is cultivated in a proper manner weeds will have absolutely no chance to sprout. Also that the proper stirring of the soil prevents evaporation of the valuable soil moisture which feeds and gives life to growing plants.

"**Norcross**" Cultivator-Hoes and Weeders are like a human hand, the fingers of which work carefully around the delicate plants very closely without injuring them, stirring the soil to any depth and leaving it level and loose without a footprint upon it. The middle prong is often removed and rows straddled. No other type of garden tool embraces so many features. **Price 6/6 each.**

The "NORCROSS" No. 33 3-Prong Cultivator-Hoe.



The "**Norcross**" 3-Prong Cultivator-Hoe is a modification in size, weight and price of the well-known 5-prong tool. It has same length handle (of smaller size, three prongs instead of five), and weighs only 2 lbs. complete.

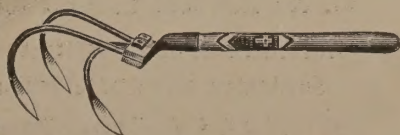
The prongs are detachable in the same manner and the quality and finish is the same high grade.

This tool has the advantage of cultivating between very narrow rows (such as are found in small home gardens), and being of light weight it is a "winner" with the thousands of women who tend small gardens or any one who prefers a light-weight tool.

A further advantage is that it competes in price with the common hoe, surpassing it many times in practical value as a garden implement. **Price 4/9 each.**

The "NORCROSS" No. 11 Midget Weeder.

The "**Norcross**" Midget Weeder is constructed along the same lines as our cultivator-Hoes. It has a 9-inch handle and is designed for use in

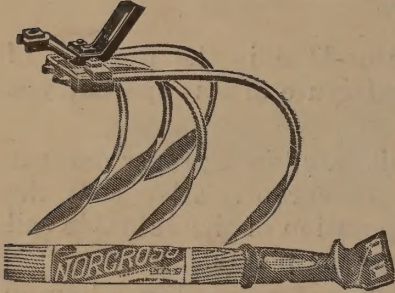


flowers, small shrubbery, etc., or for cultivating any sort of vegetation where the use of a long handle tool would be less practical. Excellent in strawberries and all low-growing plants where tedious hand cultivation is required. Unlike the cheaply-made malleable

weeders, it has $3/16$ inch square spring steel prongs, bent cornerwise and attached to malleable head by two bolts and are detachable. Its weight is 12 ounces. Quality and finish same as Cultivator-Hoes. We guarantee this little Weeder to outclass anything of its kind on the market. Price $2/6$ each.

The "NORCROSS" Universal Connection.

A Distinctive Feature.



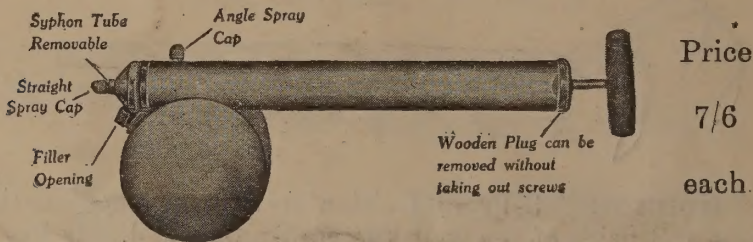
The "Norcross" is the only Cultivator-Hoe having a detachable socket by means of which handle with socket may be disconnected and the Cultivator-Hoe used as a wheel plough attachment.

The Universal Connection will connect the tool to the standard types of wheel ploughs on the market.

The accompanying cut shows this connection bolted in place, the front extension designed to attach to ploughs having horizontal slots, such as the Planet Jr., etc., while the rear extension is for attaching to ploughs of vertical leg construction.

Price $1/$ each for the connecting part only.

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Price
 $7/6$
each.

Rooikrantz Pea Sticks: 4 ft. & 5 ft. lengths in Bundles of 50 for $3/-$; 100 for $5/-$.

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	2 ft.	3 ft.	4 ft.	5 ft.	6 ft.
Per doz.	7d.	8d.	$1/3$	$2/-$	$2/6$
Per 100	$3/6$	$4/3$	$8/6$	$14/-$	$17/6$

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